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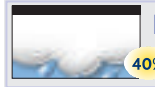

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Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton is accompanied on stage by her husband, former U.S. president Bill Clinton, during a rally last night in New York. Despite Barack Obama clinching the Democrat nomination last night, Clinton did not reveal her future plans.

Hillary's long goodbye

Obama wins nomination

Barack Obama, the first black presidential nominee in U.S. history, declared victory yesterday over Hillary Clinton and lifted the curtain on an epic struggle for the White House against Republican John McCain.

Clinton, credited by Obama as an inspiration to millions, wasn't ready to concede defeat but she sparked an excited buzz about a dream team by saying she's open to joining the ticket as his running mate.

"Tonight we mark the end of one historic journey with the beginning of another," Obama told 20,000 cheering supporters.

"Tonight I can stand here and say I will be the Democratic nominee for the presidency of the United States of America."

Obama now has five months to make his case in what promises to be a tumultuous election in a war-weary country with a fragile economy where Americans are deeply unhappy about the status quo.

Obama clinched the winning delegate figure — 2,118 — from the final two primaries in Montana and South Dakota and new support from party officials and legislators on the closing day of a spellbinding, see-saw race that drew record turnouts and divided Democrats into emotional camps.

Clinton, who triumphed in South Dakota, said she'd take some time to decide what's next and continued to emphasize her widespread appeal.

"I want the 18 million Americans who voted for me to be respected, to be heard and no longer be invisible," she said in New York.

But she also praised Obama's impact on the Democratic party by pulling in so many young voters.

"Our party and our democracy is stronger and more vibrant as a result. And we are grateful."

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Gun battle changes direction

New policy aimed to give gun clubs more options

Mayor David Miller's powerful executive committee has reversed course on part of a proposed anti-firearms policy after getting an earful from the gun lobby.

A city report on measures to address gun violence in Toronto called for several steps, the most controversial being to terminate leases with two gun clubs that run shooting ranges on city property at Union Station and a Scarborough community centre.

The committee instead asked staff to draft a report on options for the clubs to move out of what Miller called "inappropriate" locations and re-establish themselves on private property, an idea crafted by Coun. Norm Kelly.

Several deputants told yesterday's meeting that the CNRA Gun Club have spotless records and were being unfairly penalized.

Miller said the compromise wasn't caving in to the gun lobby. "We can't close private gun ranges … The people at the two (ranges) should have the same respect," Miller said.

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No jail for man who stole gold slippers

A man who made off with a pair of priceless gold and gem-encrusted slippers in broad daylight will not serve any time in jail, a Toronto judge decided yesterday.

Miko Petric, 35, was handed an 18-month conditional sentence in a Toronto court yesterday afternoon for his role in the theft of a pair of heavily bejewelled Indian slippers from the Bata Shoe Museum. Crafted from gold thread in the early 1800s, the slippers were insured at $160,000, but by all accounts were considered priceless.

Justice Bonnie Croll said the theft of the historically significant slippers was "senseless" and "stupid," a juvenile impulsive act, and Petric posed no threat to reoffend. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

house arrest
» Petric must remain under house arrest for six months and adhere to a curfew for the following six months.

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» **IMPAIRED** A TTC driver has been charged with impaired driving while behind the wheel of a city bus. Satvinder Bisla, 48, failed a breathalyser test.
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Workers at the GM truck plant in Oshawa prepare to leave following their shift yesterday.

Plant closure stuns Oshawa workers

The shock and anger was palpable yesterday afternoon as stone-faced workers streamed out of General Motors' pickup truck assembly plant in Oshawa, where they learned a few hours earlier the jobs many have held for more than two decades would soon be gone.

"I'm pretty upset," said Randall Carswell, who has worked in the sector for 24 years.

Earlier yesterday, General Motors Corp. announced that in 2009 it will shut four North American plants, including a truck assembly operation in Oshawa.

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Air France sues

Airline alleges Pearson runway short on safety

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» All 297 passengers and 12 crew survived the accident but 33 people were taken to hospital — two crew members and 10 passengers were admitted to hospital with serious injuries. Many more have struggled with memories of the incident.

Pearson International Airport's newest runway lacks proper safety margins and falls short of international standards, Air France alleges in a lawsuit following the dramatic 2005 crash of one of its jets at the site.

The French airline and its insurers are suing the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, which runs Pearson, the federal government and the country's air traffic control agency for some $180 million, charging they all cut corners that contributed to the crash of its Airbus A340 jet.

The airline takes aim at the airport operator, saying the design of Runway 24 Left — which ends at a steep ravine — failed to ensure there was an "adequate margin of safety for aircraft in the event of an overrun event."

It also says in a statement of claim filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice that "GTAA failed to provide a safe environment for the conduct of civil air operations."

Flight 358 arriving from Paris was battered by a violent thunderstorm just as it touched down on Aug. 2, 2005. Going too fast, it ran off the rain-slicked runway and into the ravine, where it broke apart and burst into flames.

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McGuinty opposes radar

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he does not support photo radar, but Mississauga councillors and staff say they'll press ahead with plans for automated photo radar — similar to red-light cameras — to discourage speeders on local roads.

"That's not something we support," McGuinty told reporters yesterday when asked about the Mississauga proposal.

But regional Coun. Pat Saito says as far as the city is concerned, that's not a "No."

Saito said the city is pushing ahead with its business plan, being watched closely by other cities.

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» **PROTEST** Armed with loudspeakers and placards, about 80 student protesters marched, shouted and sang their way to a downtown courthouse yesterday to convince prosecutors to free 14 fellow protesters charged in an earlier demonstration. The 14 people, most of them also students from the nearby University of Toronto, were charged after a March sit-in staged to protest recent student fee increases.

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Soldier killed in Afghan firefight

Ontario native 84th to die in mission

A Canadian officer on his first tour in Afghanistan was killed yesterday in a prolonged firefight with Taliban militants who stubbornly clung to patches of arid farmland west of Kandahar.

Capt. Richard (Steve) Leary, 32, was leading a foot patrol involving Canadian and Afghan soldiers when they were ambushed with small-arms fire around 9 a.m. local time.

A sporadic, half-hour running battle ensued. Leary was hit as his soldiers were moving toward the cover of a safer position. The Brantford, Ont., native was married but had no children.

An air strike was called in and the insurgents were beaten back.

No other soldiers were hurt in the engagement.

Leary was the second soldier in a month to die in an ambush. The last was Cpl. Michael Starker, a reservist and Calgary paramedic whose goodwill patrol was attacked within sight of a major Canadian forward operating base.

There have been 84 Canadians soldiers and one diplomat killed since the start of the Afghan war.

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Slain woman remembered

Amber Bowerman killed last week

One week after her death, Amber Bowerman's family wants to remember her as a bright, talented journalist, not dwell on how she was butchered by her landlord in a grisly murder-suicide.

Amber's husband Chris said yesterday one of the Calgary homicide detectives told him not to try to rationalize the irrational.

Bowerman was the first to die last Wednesday when Joshua Lall, an architect in training and father of three young girls, surprised her with a knife in her basement apartment. He then went upstairs and killed his wife Alison and their daughters Kirsten, 5, and Rochelle, 3. Lall was found dead in the baby's room where one-year-old Anna was found untouched the next morning.

"Unfortunately, she was at the wrong place at the wrong time," said Bowerman's mother, Susan Webb. "But we can't dwell on that — we have to move forward and carry on her life."

Bowerman's family all remember her as an immensely caring person with an adventurous spirit and "a force of good." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Husband Chris Bowerman, left, and mother Susan Webb support each other yesterday in Calgary as they talk about Amber Bowerman, a victim from last week's multiple murder.

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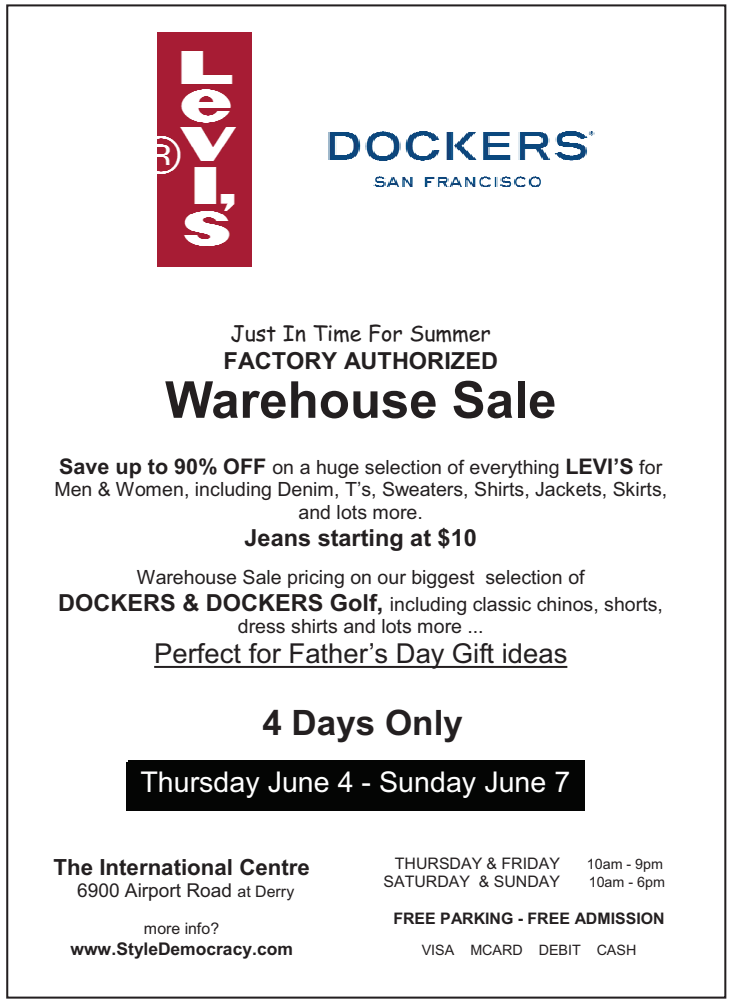
» **CELLPHONES** Liberal MP David McGuinty is proposing legislation to ban so-called system-access fees charged by cellphone providers. McGuinty says 911, overage, data and roaming surcharges can double advertised monthly rates for an industry that's turning a $4-billion-a-year profit.

» **IMMIGRATION** Ottawa has dropped its idea of making all immigrants take a rigorous British-made language test to get into the country. "They realized the ludicrousness of it," Alex Stojicevic, chair of the immigration section of the Canadian Bar Association, said yesterday.

» **COURT** Ontario is setting specific targets to reduce court delays and to cut the number of times an accused must appear before a judge. The average time for a criminal case to be completed in Ontario has nearly doubled in the last 15 years, to 205 days last year from 115 days in 1992. METRO NEWS SERVICES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Bernier's ex linked to mob

Julie Couillard dated drug importer: Source

Before Julie Couillard's liaison with former foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier and her brushes with the biker underworld, she was romantically linked with a dapper mobster well-known to Toronto's criminal circles.

Sources say the 38-year-old Couillard dated convicted Montreal drug importer Antonio (Tony) Volpato on and off between 1991 and 1993, when she was in her early 20s and he was in his mid-40s.

Couillard

Volpato is an intriguing figure in Montreal's underworld landscape who straddled the divide between rival factions — he was widely considered the gatekeeper for late Calabrese mob boss Frank "The Big Guy" Cotroni, but also entertained close ties with Vito Rizzuto, considered the godfather of the Sicilian mafia in Canada.

The association with Volpato is the latest twist in the tale involving Couillard, whose tell-all interview on Quebec television last week effectively torpedoed Bernier's ministerial career.

Bernier resigned in the hours before the interview, in which Couillard revealed he had left confidential documents behind when he last visited her home in Laval, Que., in March.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Data leaked too often: Watchdog

Canadians are suffering too many leaks of personal data because private-sector companies don't take adequate precautions to protect the information, says the federal privacy commissioner.

In a report to Parliament, Jennifer Stoddart also says her office too often doesn't hear about breaches that could have a harmful impact on individuals.

Stoddart says there were just 34 voluntary reports of information leaks last year from the private sector, and disclosures by small and medium-sized companies were especially rare.

new complaints

» The privacy commissioner's office received 350 new complaints from individuals in 2007, almost a third of them involving financial institutions.

A House of Commons committee has recommended that reporting be made mandatory, and Industry Canada is working on a strategy to implement the proposal.

"I think it's extremely important," Stoddart said in an interview yesterday.

"There's a trend around the world of privacy commissioners taking this stand (in favour of mandatory reporting)."

The move will require amendments to the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, the federal law that governs the private sector.

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»news In Brief

» **GUILTY** A 40-year-old mechanic was found guilty of second-degree murder yesterday in the death of Edmonton prostitute Theresa Innes. But Thomas Svekla was acquitted of killing Rachel Quinney, whose body he admitted to police he found in a field outside the city in 2004. Justice Sterling Sanderman said there wasn't enough evidence to convict Svekla in the 19-year-old prostitute's death.

» **MISSING** Residents of St. Marys, Ont., are being told to keep an eye open for a stray boa constrictor. Police say thieves who broke into an apartment over the weekend may have stolen the 2½-metre long snake.

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world

Homeowners who don't mow their lawns in Canton, Ohio, will face a fine of $250 US or even up to 30 days behind bars when a new law comes into effect in 30 days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China halts quake protests

Collapsed school construction upsets surviving parents

Chinese police forcefully pulled away more than 100 parents protesting the deaths of their children in a poorly constructed school that collapsed in last month's earthquake.

Police grabbed the parents, many holding pictures of their children, by the arms and lifted resisters off the ground yesterday outside the courthouse in Dujiangyan, a resort town northwest of the Sichuan provincial capital of Chengdu.

"Why?" some parents yelled. "Tell us something," they said as black-suited police wearing riot helmets yanked at them, pulling them down the street to the side of the courthouse.

The action was authorities' harshest response yet to angry parents and represented a hardening of official attitudes toward protests that police have closely watched over the past two weeks without intervening.

The parents had been kneeling in front of the courthouse yelling, "We want to sue!" Their children attended a high school in Juyuan, near Dujiangyan, where 270 students died.

The Southern Metropolis News quoted a rescuer as saying that rubble from the school showed that no steel reinforcing bars had been used in construction, only iron wire.

The government says the May 12 earthquake destroyed 7,000 classrooms. Many parents have accused contractors of cutting corners when building the classrooms, resulting in schools that could not withstand the 7.9-magnitude quake. Pictures of collapsed schools surrounded by buildings still standing have fueled anger.

An Associated Press reporter and two photographers covering the protest were dragged by the arms up the steps into the courthouse by police trying to prevent them from seeing the demonstration. They were held inside, along with two Japanese reporters, and questioned for a half-hour before being let go.

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death toll

» The confirmed death toll for China's worst disaster in three decades was raised yesterday to 69,107, an increase of about 90 people from a day earlier, and 18,230 people are still missing, the State Council said.

Flash floods carry away houses

Belize storms leave 7 dead

Flash flooding carried away houses and ripped a child from his father's grasp in Belize, raising the death toll from Central America's twin tropical storms to at least seven, with rain still causing floods yesterday in neighbouring Mexico.

The remnants of Pacific tropical storm Alma swept over Belize hours before tropical storm Arthur roared in from the Caribbean on Saturday at the Mexico-Belize border.

Witnesses said a couple and their 14-year-old daughter died when a flash flood swept away a house in southern Belize's Stann Creek Valley early Monday. The couple's 12-year-old son is missing.

"That flood just came right now, sudden one, and when I look I saw my nephew's house over there and I told him to get out," Bedford Ritchie told Channel 7. "It looks like he was trying to pack up his things and the water didn't give him any break. The water just come right up and picked up their house and took it down there and mashed it up."

The death toll had yet to be confirmed by authorities.

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»news In Brief

» **BIRTH** A premature baby is expected to stay at a New Jersey hospital for several weeks after being born on a Korean Air Lines flight. Jadan Brown was delivered about 11,300 metres above northern Canada last Wednesday by his father Larry, an emergency medical worker, and a Korean surgeon on board the flight from the Philippines to New York City, Lourdes Medical Centre said.

» **BOMB** Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport has closed one of its five runways after a World War II bomb was unearthed during excavations nearby.

» **ATTACK** The Israeli military says it has carried out an air strike in the Gaza Strip after a Palestinian rocket attack wounded five people at a farm in southern Israel. The Islamic Jihad militant group says one of its members was wounded in the air strike.

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Italy **Protest over Iran president's visit**

RICCARDO DE LUCA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women in black demonstrate on Rome's fashionable Spanish steps yesterday, protesting Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's visit to attend the high-level conference on World Food Security at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters.

Over a million without food, water in Myanmar

More than one million people still don't have adequate food, water or shelter a month after a devastating cyclone swept through Myanmar, and the military junta's policies are hindering relief efforts and driving up the cost of aid operations, the United Nations said yesterday.

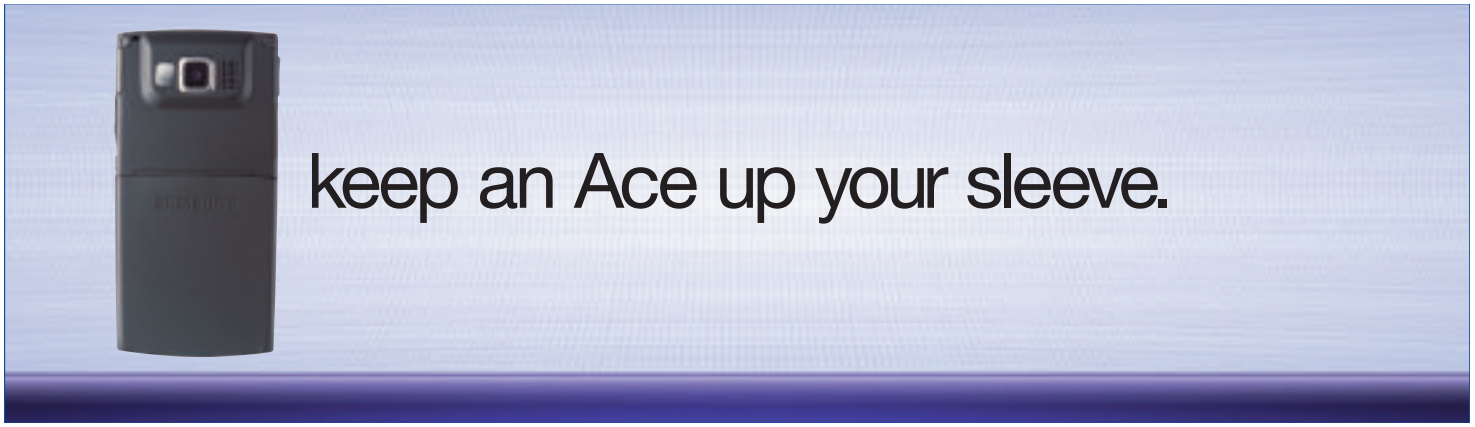
Humanitarian groups say they continue to face hurdles from Myanmar's military government in sending disaster experts and vital equipment into the country. As a result, only a trickle of aid is reaching the storm's estimated 2.4 million survivors, leaving many without even basic relief.

Compounding these problems, the junta's refusal to allow the use of military helicopters from neighbouring countries is driving up relief costs, an official from the World Food Program said.

Aid groups are unable to provide 1.1 million survivors with sufficient food and clean water, while trying to prevent deaths from malnutrition and disease, the UN said in its latest report. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

toll

» The storm left 78,000 people dead and another 56,000 missing, according to the government's count.



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Food banks in the U.S. have started offering free pet food to help owners hit by the escalating cost of living keep their animals out of shelters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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GM faces $35M penalties

Union vows to fight closure of Oshawa plant

General Motors faces up to $35 million in penalties from the Ontario government for closing its Oshawa pickup truck plant next year, a top company official says.

The money is "10 to 20 per cent" of a $175-million, 50-year interest-free loan that GM got from Premier Dalton McGuinty's $500-million auto investment fund three years ago, vice-president David Paterson confirmed.

Under the deal, GM was to maintain about 16,000 jobs in Ontario over a 10-year period ending in 2013.

Earlier yesterday, General Motors announced that in 2009 it will shut four North American plants, including a truck assembly operation in Oshawa, which the Canadian Auto Workers said employs 2,600 people. The CAW reacted angrily to the announcement, pledging to fight the move.

CAW president Buzz Hargrove said the union wasn't ruling out anything and "will explore all options."

He declined to be specific, but when asked whether the options included a wildcat strike or legal action, he said "everything is on the table."

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broken agreement?

» Buzz Hargrove said GM committed in writing to produce pickups in Oshawa until the end of the new collective agreement, ratified two weeks ago, in 2011.

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Ottawa set to pull plug on standby power hogs

The federal government is set to unveil new standards to limit the amount of power used by consumer electronics while in standby mode.

The energy-efficiency standards would limit the amount of power consumed by televisions, CD players, computers and other electronic devices when they've been turned off.

The Conservatives first announced the new power consumption measures last summer, saying standby power accounts for up to 10 per cent of an average household's yearly consumption.

It said the estimated savings would be equivalent to taking a large coal-fired power generating unit offline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

»news In Brief

» **WATCHDOG** Tarion Warranty Corp., which administers Ontario's new home warranties, is seen by the public as a "puppet" of the home-building industry, Ombudsman Andre Marin said yesterday as he accused the Liberal government of turning a blind eye to problems with the program. His report notes that 199 families who complained to the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services about Tarion got no real help. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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John Tortorella, left, was fired yesterday as coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning, four years after leading the team to its only Stanley Cup title. The Lightning were last overall in the NHL this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pens brimming with confidence

Team ignores pain as it keeps up Cup push

They showed traits few were certain they possessed to earn another game no one thought they would be playing.

So, tonight, the Penguins will take to the ice for Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final, their hopes stitched — not unlike some of their faces — together and reinforced by the unbreakable threads of heart, guts and courage.

It was a remarkable showing by Pittsburgh on Monday, full of you-had-to-see-it-to-believe-it vignettes: Ryan Malone, his nose already mashed by a puck, continuing to throw his body in harm's way; old man Gary Roberts on the bench exhorting the kids to dig deeper; Petr Sykora's called goal in the third overtime; defenceman Sergei Gonchar having his Bobby Baun moment, returning from a back injury to assist on the winner; Max Talbot, of all people, on the ice as a sixth attacker scoring the equalizer while the Cup was getting its final white-glove polish; and Marc-Andre Fleury turning aside a flurry of 55 shots in as clutch a goaltending performance as you'll see.

Sykora

It took all that, and more, for the Penguins to pull out a 4-3 win in Game 5 over a Red Wings team that continues to show itself to be the superior club. But Detroit couldn't close the deal — mostly because Fleury closed the door — though the Motowners still lead this memorable final three games to two.

The question now is whether the Penguins can once again summon the fortitude and the good fortune to win tonight and push this final to a Game 7 at Detroit Saturday.

They certainly came back to Pittsburgh believing they have it in them.

"I think after coming away with a win like that. You feel great. I think mentally you're back in it," said Sykora yesterday.

"I think everybody's looking forward to the next one," said Fleury. "And as for myself, I'll be ready. And I'm sure everybody in the room will be ready also. And we just won't quit. We're going to go hard and try to get that win again."

While the confidence of the Penguins was palpable yesterday — "We're still here, still battling, and we still have an opportunity here," said captain Sidney Crosby — there are other reasons for the hope than the heartfelt.

Malone (facial laceration, possible broken nose) and Gonchar (back spasms) are both expected to play tonight despite lingering injuries; though at this time of year, nothing is ever certain until the opening puck drop.

"I think we all know what's on the line. And if you can move, and if you can help your team, you're going to do whatever it takes to go out there and do it," said Crosby.

"So for sure those are some serious things. But at the same time, the amount of work and effort that you've put in to get to this point, you don't want to let it go. And guys are willing to do whatever it takes."

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Big Unit moves past Rocket on strikeout list

Randy "The Big Unit" Johnson took sole possession of second place on baseball's career strikeout list after getting the Milwaukee's Mike Cameron to go down swinging in the first inning of the Brewers' 7-1 victory last night.

Johnson

It was Johnson's 4,673rd career strikeout, breaking a tie with Roger Clemens and leaving the Arizona Diamondbacks' veteran ace behind only Nolan Ryan, who had 5,714 strikeouts in his career.

The 44-year-old left-hander has 288 career victories, tying him with Tommy John for 24th in the big leagues.

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Leafs offer Wilson head coach's job

Fletcher confirms team's position

The Providence College Friars of the mid-1970s had Brian Burke as their captain and Ron Wilson as a defenceman who was named ECAC player of the year in 1975.

Fletcher

Now, the Maple Leafs' head coaching job is being offered to one-half of that Friars' tandem.

Wilson completed a full day of meetings yesterday with Leafs interim general manager Cliff Fletcher. An offer was extended to Wilson, a former Leaf draft pick and coach of the San Jose Sharks, to become the 36th head coach in Toronto's history.

"We met (Monday night) and twice (yesterday) and made him an offer," Fletcher said. "And now he's going back to (South Carolina) to think about it and discuss it with his wife.

"I don't expect to touch base again until the weekend."

Fletcher and the Leafs are not releasing details of their offer, but a source said Wilson is considering a four-year offer.

The other half of that Friars tandem, Burke is strongly believed to be the Leafs' choice as their next GM.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Safe! Blue Jays pound Yanks in opener

KATHY WILENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays baserunner Rod Barajas beats the tag of Yankees catcher Jose Molina to score on David Eckstein's fourth-inning sacrifice fly as on-deck batter Shannon Stewart watches last night in New York. The Jays scored six runs in the seventh inning en route to a 9-3 win in the opener of a three-game series.

»sports In Brief

» **NHL** Philadelphia Flyers winger Sami Kapanen retired from the NHL yesterday and plans to return to Finland and play for a team he owns there. Kapanen had 189 goals and 269 assists in his 12-year career.

» **MLB** Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday after suffering a partial tear of the sheath that surrounds a tendon in his wrist on Saturday.

» **MLB** Ken Griffey Jr. walked in his only plate appearance as a pinch-hitter in the eighth inning of the Cincinnati Reds' 3-2 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies last night to remain one shy of 600 home runs.

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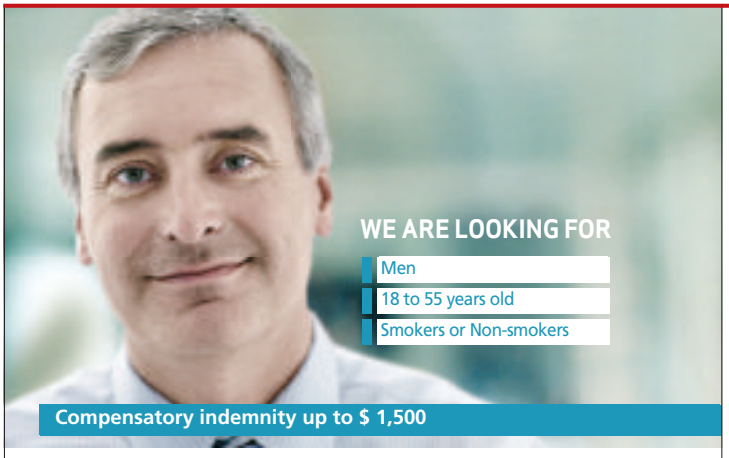

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The economy sucks, as you know, but sports leagues are prospering.

Attendance figures in MLB, the NHL and the NBA are all up while their television ratings have increased significantly.

Viewership for NBA playoff games has risen a whopping 28 per cent from last season. Interest is so high for the league's championship series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston Celtics that ABC is charging an NBA record $400,000 US for 30-second commercials — and there's a full waiting list of companies wishing to become sponsors.

And, despite a publicized opinion from golfer **Tiger Woods** that "no one watches hockey any more," the NHL's Stanley Cup games between the Detroit Red Wings and the Pittsburgh Penguins have drawn markedly improved ratings.

"Watching sports on TV has become a popular pastime again," said **Ed Erhardt**, chief of marketing and sales for ABC and ESPN. "It could be directly related to the economy. It's clearly a lot cheaper to stay home and watch sports on TV than to go out for other forms of entertainment."

» Speaking of ESPN, there are rumblings that Torontonian **Hazel Mae** may be en route to the network now that her four-year stint at NESN has ended.

Mae, who's nearing 40, got herself in a bit of hot water at the New England network after suggesting in public that she would quit if management forbid her from dating sports figures, something she did frequently while anchoring at NESN and, previously, at Rogers Sportsnet.

» And, despite Tiger's hockey-apathy theory, ex-baseball superstar **George Brett**, part-owner of the junior-hockey franchise in Spokane, Wash., is so certain that the NHL would sell well in Kansas City that he has let it be known he's eager to become an investor should the NHL ever expand to the city, which it has been contemplating ... I wonder what Tiger thinks of the Big Daddy Driver. Actually, I don't care. Just check out *www.bigdaddydriver.com* for a cool Father's Day gift ... I think **Jose Canseco** is losing it. The ex-slugger has challenged Boston Red Sox pitcher **Curt Schilling** to a celebrity boxing match. Why? Canseco thinks Schilling is a snitch and a phony, and claims the bloody sock that helped make him famous was actually smeared with ketchup ... The real reason the Toronto Argonauts recently dealt kicker **Noel Prefontaine** to the Edmonton Eskimos: He told them he would no longer be able to play hard because of his concussion history ... And did you know road teams in the NHL have won 10 of the past 12 overtime games in the Stanley Cup series and are 15-4 since 1990?

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NBA

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Boston	36	25	.590	½
TORONTO	**32**	**28**	**.533**	**4**
N.Y. Yankees	28	30	.483	7
Baltimore	27	29	.482	7

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	30	26	.536	—
Minnesota	30	27	.526	½
Cleveland	26	31	.456	4½
Detroit	24	33	.421	6½
Kansas City	23	34	.404	7½

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	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	35	24	.593	—
Oakland	31	27	.534	3½
Texas	29	30	.492	6
Seattle	21	37	.362	13½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	35	25	.583	—
Florida	31	26	.544	2½
Atlanta	31	28	.525	3½
N.Y. Mets	28	28	.500	5
Washington	24	34	.414	10

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	37	21	.638	—
St. Louis	34	25	.576	3½
Houston	31	28	.525	6½
Milwaukee	31	28	.525	6½
Cincinnati	28	31	.475	9½
Pittsburgh	27	31	.466	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	32	27	.542	—
L.A. Dodgers	28	29	.491	3
San Francisco	25	33	.431	6½
San Diego	23	36	.390	9
Colorado	20	38	.345	11½

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
TORONTO 9 N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 7 Tampa Bay 4
Cleveland at Texas
Baltimore at Minnesota
Kansas City at Chicago W. Sox
Detroit at Oakland
L.A. Angels at Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 5 Florida 4
Houston 2 Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 3 Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 7 Arizona 1
St. Louis at Washington
Chicago Cubs at San Diego
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit at Oakland, 3:35
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 4:40
TORONTO at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:05
Cleveland at Texas, 8:05
Baltimore at Minnesota, 8:10
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:11
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida at Atlanta, 1:05
Arizona at Milwaukee, 2:05
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 3:10
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 3:45
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:05
St. Louis at Washington, 7:10
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 10:05

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TORONTO at Houston, 8:30

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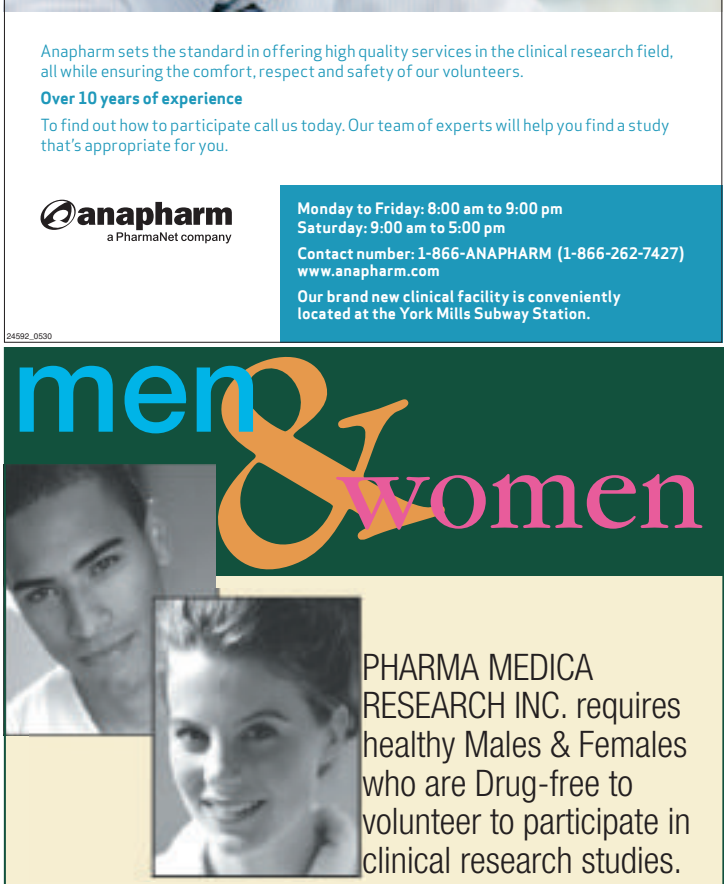

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Nadal to get challenge

Defending champ to face Djokovic in French Open semis

Five rounds into the French Open, king of clay Rafael Nadal still awaits a serious challenge.

Novak Djokovic hopes to provide it in the semifinals.

Nadal, the three-time defending champion, matched the most lopsided Grand Slam victory of his career yesterday, defeating fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-1, 6-1, 6-1. The drubbing equalled the standard Nadal set in his previous victory, when he lost three games against another Spaniard, Fernando Verdasco.

Nadal was giving the centre-court crowd a thumbs-up signal to punctuate his triumph shortly after Djokovic completed a much more arduous win on Court Suzanne Lenglen. He needed more than three hours to eliminate childhood friend Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 7-5, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

MICHAEL SPINGLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain's Rafael Nadal improved to 26-0 at the French Open yesterday with a quarter-final victory over compatriot Fernando Verdasco.

Meanwhile, Toronto's Daniel Nestor has advanced to the men's doubles semifinals after he and partner Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia posted a 6-1, 6-4 win over Belgians Steve Darcis and Olivier Rochus. Nestor is in the hunt for his second straight title at Roland Garros after he and former partner Mark Knowles won the doubles crown last year.

Ana Ivanovic of Serbia beat Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 6-3, 6-2 to become the first women's semifinalist. Ivanovic's opponent tomorrow will compatriot Jelena Jankovic, who beat unseeded Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain 6-3, 6-2.

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»sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Detroit Pistons said yesterday that head coach Flip Saunders won't be back with the team next season. He led the Pistons to the Eastern Conference finals for three straight years but the team was unable to advance to the NBA Finals.

» **SOCCER** Former England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson was hired yesterday to lead Mexico's national team. Eriksson spent last season as coach of Manchester City in the Premier League and is leaving with two years remaining on his deal.

» **GOLF** Oshawa's Jon Mills became the seventh Canadian to earn a spot for next week's U.S. Open, securing his spot yesterday. Mills and Eric Axley survived a playoff with Rickie Fowler at the Columbus, Ohio, sectional.

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Don Mills Road Light Rail Transit

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Background

The Don Mills Road Light Rail Transit Class Environmental Assessment is looking into how best to improve transit service along the Don Mills Road corridor extending from Steeles Avenue to the Bloor-Danforth Subway, with options for providing continuous service south to the downtown.

The Official Plan and the TTC's Ridership Growth Strategy stress the importance of making high-quality transit a more attractive option for travel. Modern environmentally-sustainable LRT service will support the growing travel needs of people who live and work in the Don Mills Corridor and beyond. This is also part of Toronto's Climate Change and Beautiful City initiatives to make all of Toronto a more liveable and pleasant place to live and work.

The City is now working with consultants on the preliminary stages examining the study area in detail. A round of public Open Houses will be held in June to provide an update on this study, and to seek your input on the work completed to date.

We would like to hear from you. Your Input is valuable to us!
Please join us at the following open house sessions:

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6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Rosedale Heights School for the Arts
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Tuesday, June 17, 2008
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East York Town Centre
45 Overlea Boulevard

Wednesday, June 18, 2008
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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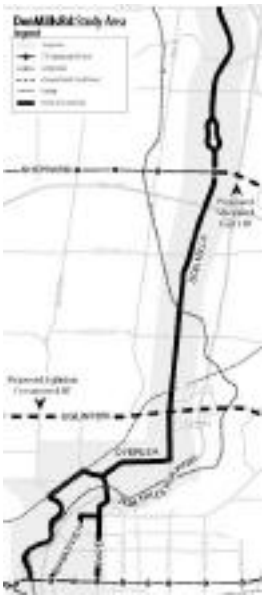

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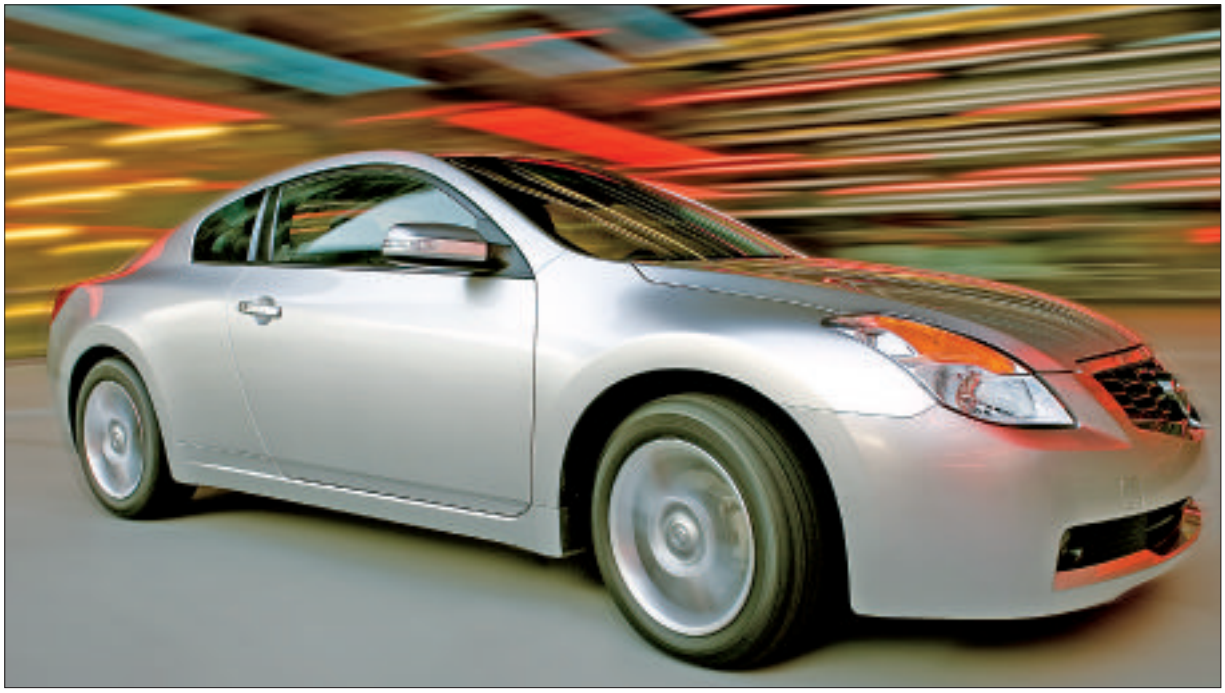

Left, the Altima Coupe for 2008 is a sexy machine with come-hither curves borrowed straight from Nissan's upscale Infiniti G35 gene pool. Above, the interior doesn't stray too far from its roots, sharing the entire dash and centre console with the Altima sedan.

Lean, mean, sexy machine

Altima Coupe as good as it looks

By **B. MCLAUCHLAN**
for Metro Toronto

Ever since the 240SX and Sentra SE disappeared from the scene in the late 1990s, an affordable, good-looking coupe has been missing from Nissan's two-door cupboard.

Enter the Altima Coupe for 2008, a sexy machine with come-hither curves borrowed straight from Nissan's upscale Infiniti G35 gene pool.

Following the pattern set by the Honda Accord and Toyota Camry/Solara, the Altima Coupe is a mechanically identical twin of its sedan sibling, meaning a front-wheel-drive, four- or six-cylinder machine with mild sporting pretensions.

Our tester came equipped with the well-proven 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine mated to Nissan's increasingly prevalent Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) … the latter operated like an automatic but with an infinite choice of gear ratios to get the most out of the powertrain for any given set of driving conditions.

The 175 horsepower this engine produces is class competitive and its torque output is suitably robust, though it does get tamed a tad by the transmission's tuning.

2008 Nissan Altima 2.5 S

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass. coupe FWD
- Price: $27,798
- Engine: 2.5L L4 DOHC
- HP: 175 @ 5,600 rpm
- Torque: 180 @ 3,900 rpm

Highlights:

- Curvaceous looks
- Decent fuel economy

Thankfully, the rest of the Altima Coupe's attributes are more evident. Light steering does a decent job of communicating just what's going on with the front wheels. The brakes feel strong and pedal pressure is easily modulated. The 16-inch all-season tires do their job with quiet efficiency, though a softer compound with more grip might help minimize wheelspin on wet roads.

The suspension set-up is comfortable and stable in town or on the highway, doing away with bigger bumps and smaller imperfections with equal poise and composure. Throw in a set of challenging curves, though, and this curvy coupe also shows it can do a decent dance, too.

But the Altima's best claim to fame might rest in its fuel economy numbers. The 2.5 S model with manual transmission gets 8.9 L/100 km (32 mpg) in the city and 6.5 L/100 km (45 mpg) on the highway. The CVT delivers identical city numbers, but slightly lower — 6.3 L/100 km (45 mpg) — out on the open road.

Inside, this coupe doesn't stray too far from its roots, sharing the entire dash and centre console with the Altima sedan. The gauges are bright and legible while major controls fall readily to hand and all secondary switches feel logically placed and easy to operate.

Our tester came with the optional Premium Leather Package, which includes a whole raft of features like leather seating surfaces and gearshift, driver's seat lumbar adjustment, dual-zone automatic climate control, auto-dimming rearview mirror and an upgraded nine-speaker, six-disc in-dash CD player, all for a reasonable $2,500. Other than than the previously mentioned CVT ($1,200), metallic paint ($125) and three-coat paint ($285) remain the only other available additions to the price sheet.

Pricing for the Altima 2.5 S starts at $27,798 while our nearly loaded tester tipped the scales at $31,498.

Canadian dealers take green cause online

The Canadian Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) has launched a new public education website, AutoEmissions101.ca. The bilingual website was created to provide fact-based information on auto emissions and the role played by vehicles in the environment.

"We have launched the site as a resource to educate our member dealers, their employees and, in turn, the public about how the industry as a whole has successfully moved on the issue," said CADA chairman Tom Donnelly.

The site presents the facts on emissions and clarifies the misconception that the auto industry is the leading producer of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in Canada. In fact, new vehicles sold in Canada represent only one per cent of GHGs.

Visitors to the site will also learn that automakers have signed a voluntary agreement to reduce emissions by 5.3 megatonnes by 2010 and continue to rapidly develop new technologies that will meet this voluntary goal and further reduce vehicle emissions.

"Developing new technologies is not enough," cautions Donnelly. "There are currently about one million 20-year-old vehicles on our roads today. Removing these vehicles would be equivalent to removing 37 million new vehicles from the road in terms of smog, not to mention the associated safety improvements.

The website can be found at *AutoEmissions101.ca*.

tips to reduce GHG

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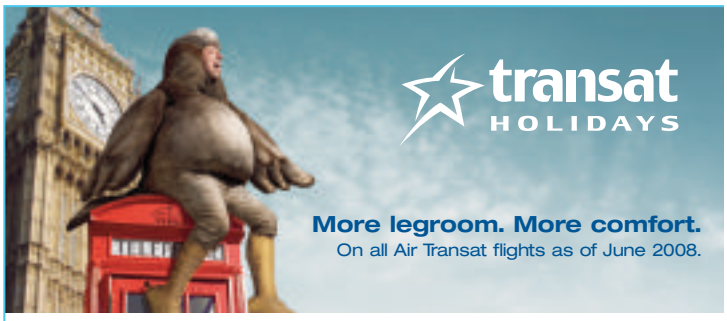

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The new Ford Focus showcases new technologies and styling mixed with a confidence-inspiring ride and reflexive handling that give it a nimbleness and fun-to-drive factor that rivals the best small cars.

Couples Focus on challenge

Ford's feisty new model put to test

Ford's new compact Focus has been remade to attract young professionals, couples and families and anyone looking for style, durability and daily utility in an economical package.

The Focus showcases new technologies and styling mixed with a confidence-inspiring ride and reflexive handling that give it a nimbleness and fun-to-drive factor that rivals the best small cars. The cabin is well equipped, meticulously appointed and spacious for four grown adults. And the trunk is simply cavernous.

Several southern Ontario couples representative of potential buyers were recently brought together to drive the new car for their evaluation for Carguide Magazine.

In a controlled environment, they practised advanced driving skills in the vehicle before taking it out on a public highway, this time in and around historic Montréal and the ski and golf resort town of Mont-Tremblant.

They were the first "civilians" in Canada to drive the new 2008 Focus.

New exterior design, an all-new interior and improved driving dynamics, plus the industry-first Ford/Microsoft Sync system (bringing previously unheard-of levels of connectivity to the market, regardless of segment) define the new Focus.

Fuel economy has been improved through better aerodynamics, engine modifications and a body that weighs 45 kg less than before. The new Focus is also quieter inside, through use of thicker windshield and door glass, better aerodynamics and sound deadening materials.

Several drivers expressed amazement at how little distance the Focus took to fully stop on wet pavement and how the anti-lock braking allowed them to maintain steering control while forcing the brake pedal.

Generally, the applied science of the human/machine interface, called ergonomics, scored high marks all around. The tallest of the drivers, six-foot Craig Sabine of Toronto, remarked on more-than-ample headspace in the back seat and in the front. Entry and exit was easy courtesy of large doors that open wide, said Zeeya Fazal of Brampton.

The Focus won kudos for comfort and performance with "just right" steering, said Fazal, who found it a breeze to zip between cones in the lane change exercise.

"This car steers wonderfully," remarked Sabine.

The Focus' sturdy body structure and many active and passive safety systems won praise from all.

Significantly, all said they would recommend others to test drive the Focus when shopping for a new compact car.

BY THE EDITORS OF CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

Toronto couple Caryn Schumacher and Craig Sabine.

Auto engagement

» A Toronto couple who went to Quebec to put the new 2008 Ford Focus to the test came away from the weekend engaged to be married. Caryn Schumacher, 25, and Craig Sabine, 27, were invited to be among the first Canadians to experience the redesigned and re-engineered 2008 Ford Focus. Up with the birds at 5 a.m. on the first day of the event, Sabine, an associate at an energy consulting firm, asked Schumacher to be his co-driver for life. "There's nothing like waking up to diamonds," said Schumacher, a human resources co-ordinator. "We will never forget the Ford Focus Accelerator Challenge weekend — for a few reasons now," she said.

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Energy audit saves money

Home test evaluates efficiency of home, details improvements

By **BRIAN TOWIE**
Metro Toronto

Your house could be polluting the air more than you think, and it could be costing you a lot of money.

If you can't figure out why your energy bills are through the roof, your home could be wasting power and emitting more greenhouse gases (GHG) than normal, and it could be time for a home energy audit. It's a test that evaluates the energy-efficiency of your home and details improvements you can make that could potentially reduce your home's GHG output and save you money in the process.

Jamie Shipley, senior research consultant for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), says owners of houses 40 years old and up should seriously consider getting a home energy audit, which will pinpoint specific areas leaking the most power.

> *« If Home A's energy bills are $1,000 per year cheaper than Home B, then that's the one I'm probably going to buy. »*
> *Jamie Shipley, CMHC*

"If you're concerned about lowering the operating cost of your home or saving energy, the first thing you need to know is where you're losing the most energy so you can focus your budget to the areas where you'll get the most bang for your buck. An energy audit will pinpoint the best areas to attack your house," he said.

The areas commonly susceptible to leakage, Shipley notes, are basements and wall outlets such as doors and windows. Sometimes these areas can have tiny tears in the walls, ceilings and floors that are innocent enough, but put together could make a hole as big as 1.5 square feet in your house that spews energy you could otherwise use. The website for National Clean Air Day (*cleanairday.com*) says using caulking and weather stripping to seal these holes can save you up to 20 per cent on your energy bill.

Some provinces are even willing to lend a helping hand: Ontario, for example, runs a program that subsidizes 50 per cent of the cost of an energy audit, up to a maximum of $150 — you don't even have to carry out the advised retrofits on your house to collect the rebate.

Homebuyers who are new to the market are also becoming more concerned with how energy efficient a house is, Shipley notes, adding that while curb appeal still trumps all, energy bills can make or break a deal nowadays.

"They always ask, or should ask, for a copy of the energy bills for that house, and that becomes part of the equation of whether they feel that house is one they want to buy. That's really a relationship of how energy efficient that home is," Shipley said.

"If Home A's energy bills are $1,000 per year cheaper than Home B, then that's the one I'm probably going to buy."

» For more information, visit the Office of Energy Efficiency's website at *oee.nrcan.gc.ca*.

understanding R-value

» R-value is the measurement of a material's resistance to the transfer of heat through it. Generally, the higher the R-value of a home building material, the more resistant it is to heat passing through it — keeping heat contained in the winter and outside in the summer, for example, and therefore a more energy efficient material to use.

» "Wood has an R-value, though not high," says Jamie Shipley, senior research consultant for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. "Fiberglass has an R-value per inch. For example, multiply R 3.2 per inch by how many inches you'll have in a wall or attic, then that will tell you the R-value of that assembly."

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Conserving energy can be easy

Simple practices help you go green

Energy conservation is serious business and something the whole family can take part in. Conserving energy is easy, especially if every family member does their part. To help your family members become energy conservation experts, consider implementing the following energy saving practices into your family's routine:

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Take advantage of the warm weather and hang laundry out to dry to conserve energy.

» **INSTALL A** programmable thermostat to help regulate the temperature of your home. Setting the temperature a degree or two higher when no one is home during the day in the summer will contribute to energy savings. Having pre-determined temperature settings will also prevent family members from adjusting the temperature on a whim.

» **TURN OFF** the tap while brushing your teeth. There is no reason to keep the water on, and turning it off can save up to eight gallons of water. This practice is another way to get the kids involved in conservation.

» **UP TO** 30 per cent of the cooling in your home is lost through poorly fitted windows and doors. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors and upgrading to energy efficient windows will conserve energy. Also, make sure everyone in the family closes doors when entering and exiting the home to prevent the cool air from escaping.

» **SWITCH FROM** incandescent lighting to high-efficiency compact fluorescent bulbs. They use at least two-thirds less energy and have a significantly longer bulb life — almost 10 times longer. Also, ask all family members to turn off lights whenever they leave a room and put the kids in charge of ensuring every family member is light-conscious.

» **INSTALL A** low-flow showerhead to reduce hot water consumption. Even a 10-minute shower with a conventional showerhead can use up to 42 gallons of water. Low-flow showerheads are easy to install and use far less water. Go the extra mile and set a household shower-time limit.

» **KEEP THE KIDS** from standing with the refrigerator door open while choosing after-school snacks by having them decide what they want to eat before opening the fridge.

» **TAKE ADVANTAGE** of the warm summer air and hang laundry out to dry. Sheets hanging on a clothesline also make great backyard mazes, which will surely be appreciated by younger family members. Check your local municipal bylaws before installing a permanent clothesline.

» **UNPLUG VAMPIRE** electronics — devices including mobile phone chargers and computers that draw power from outlets even when they're in standby mode. You would be surprised at how much energy your computer uses even when it's left in "sleep" or standby mode.

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Compost leaves; burning them increases carbon dioxide emissions.

clean air tips

» Use potpourri instead of aerosol-based sprays.
» Buy locally grown produce. It has a lower associated pollution cost from transportation.
» Compost your leaves and brush. Burning them will increase carbon dioxide emissions.
» Buy a push lawn mower. It's good exercise and reduces carbon dioxide emissions.
» Don't blow your leaves — rake them instead. Your ears and your neighbours will thank you, and you will reduce carbon dioxide emissions.
» Make sure your car is properly tuned up and your tires are at the right pressure to ensure optimal fuel efficiency.
» Encourage carpooling when possible. Put a map up in the office to encourage carpooling and make it easier for riders to connect.

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What is Clean Air Day?

Celebrated on the first Wednesday in June every year since 1999, Clean Air Day is all about the stuff we breathe, and the promotion of good health across the country. The signature program of Clean Air Day is the federal government's Commuter Challenge. For the 2008 challenge, you can register to a sustainable commute — such as walking, cycling, carpooling, taking transit and telecommuting — and the website will calculate your emissions savings.

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today's commuter challenge stats

» **Registered (participating) users:** 23,438 (11,759)
» **Registered communities:** 558
» **Registered workplaces:** 4,317
» **Total kilometres saved:** 404,941
» **Total emissions (GHG) saved:** 58,269 kg
» **Total emissions (Nox) saved:** 283 kg
» **Total emissions (PM 2.5) saved:** 2 kg
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Tivoli Gardens' eternal charm

Copenhagen landmark offers greenery and rides

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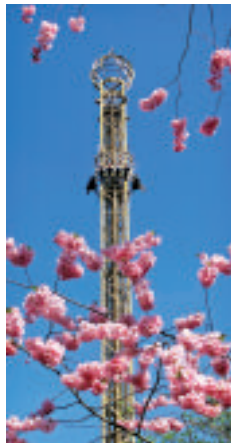

VISITDENMARK

Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark, is a 165-year-old amusement park featuring gravity-defying rides ("The Demon" roller-coaster, above and inset), eateries and a park visitors can stroll through. Right: Tivoli Gardens' Chinese Tower.

The 165-year-old amusement park that inspired both Walt Disney and Danish fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen offers style and charm of a kind often imitated.

Tivoli, Copenhagen's downtown landmark, blends tradition and modernity with old-style ferris wheels and gravity-defying rides, family restaurants and gourmet eateries.

Neon lights are banned here and plastic materials are avoided — beer cups aside — to preserve the feel of an old-style amusement park.

"We want to maintain tradition and quality," Tivoli manager Lars Liebst said.

In 1841, Georg Carstensen sought royal permission to create an amusement park on the ramparts that once surrounded medieval Copenhagen. The son of a diplomat, he wanted to give Danes samples of the wonders he had seen during childhood trips abroad.

Tivoli opened two years later.

The Danish capital has since grown around the green oasis where families and friends stroll, and lovers cuddle up on benches amid oaks, birches and Japanese cherry trees.

"It's so beautiful, it's cosy," said Elin Peitersen, a 74-year-old retired secretary. "You can take your family along or sit on a bench, like I do, and enjoy others having a good time."

The park is charming but it's the thrill rides Tivoli is famous for, especially among the throngs of young visitors.

The youngest children prefer the slow-moving vintage car ride, while exhilarated teenagers zoom past in the adrenalin-pumping roller-coaster.

Meanwhile, Tivoli's Boys Guards march behind children dressed up as royals, riding a horse-drawn carriage through the garden.

The scent of popcorn and cotton candy fills the air while Vienna waltzes, big-band tunes and rock music play in the background through the evening.

A stone's throw away is the Chinese-style Pantomime Theater from 1874 with its peacock curtain. When the bird lowers its tail, the curtain rises for one of Europe's last stages keeping Commedia dell'Arte traditions alive.

"I heard it was a famous amusement park so I wanted to see for myself," said Sung Young-Jae, a 36-year-old visitor from Seoul, South Korea.

"It is very beautiful but I am a little bit disappointed. It is so small."

The park covers about 82,000 square metres, elbowed between the City Hall and the capital's main train station.

For the 2008 season, Tivoli reopened a Moorish-style building from 1909, which has been through a major renovation. The white edifice, now decorated with 3,600 different coloured light bulbs, was originally covered with papier mâché and chicken wire.

Disney visited Tivoli several times in the 1950s and 1960s to seek inspiration for his theme parks in the United States, Liebst said.

Nearly a century earlier, Andersen, the legendary children's author, wrote The Nightingale after watching the illuminated Chinese Tower, one of the park's landmarks.

Today, the park is lit by tens of thousands of coloured lights after nightfall.

Before each summer season, which runs from mid-April to mid-September, gardeners plant 100,000 bulbs alongside another 50,000 flowers.

Posters announce Israeli conductor Daniel Barenboim, Canadian songstress k.d. lang and the New York City Ballet, among others, will perform this season, either at Tivoli's concert hall or on an outdoor stage where strong men and bearded ladies once performed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

visiting tivoli

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Grand Canyon testing new shuttle service

Grand Canyon National Park visitors began testing a free shuttle service on Monday that's designed to ease traffic in one of the busiest spots along the South Rim.

The National Park Service started the shuttle between the nearby community of Tusayan and the park's main information plaza. It will run every 20 minutes from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Parking is a perennial problem at the Grand Canyon. During the busy summer season, about 6,000 cars enter the National Park and compete for less than 2,000 spaces.

"We don't have adequate parking," park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge said. "During the high visitor season, they park along the roadway, on both sides of the road, and then cross a busy roadway" to get to the rim.

A light rail was proposed for the park eight years ago, but authorities eventually settled on a shuttle service.

"This is a great opportunity for our visitors to enter and travel throughout the park without the hassle of their vehicle," park superintendent Steve Martin said in a statement.

People using the new shuttle to enter the park will stop near the visitor centre and bookstore. They'll be near a system of trails and they can connect onto another bus system that travels throughout the park, Martin said.

The National Park Service said several businesses in Tusayan have offered to provide parking for shuttle riders. Visitors using the service will still need to pay park entry fees, however.

The shuttle service will be available through Sept. 1.

Depending on the shuttle's success, the park service says it may offer the shuttle program during the summer of 2009.

"If there's no major flaws in it, I believe we'll probably have the support of the local community in Tusayan to continue another year," Oltrogge said.

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The Grand Canyon

Flocking to the fountains

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In this file photo, the fountains of the Bellagio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas are seen at sunset. The fountains have been named the top free attraction in the U.S. by TripAdvisor.com.

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Cruise line names world's largest ships

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PEI gets into the swing of summer

Cycling, Anne's 100th birthday among highlights

Prince Edward Island has already established itself as a cycling destination, but will kick that reputation up a notch from June 8 to 12 with the return of Tour de PEI.

This year's race is expected to include 100 female cyclists, who will participate in a five-day, five-stage race. The new route highlights the Island's scenic countryside and coastline for thousands of spectators and 600,000 television viewers who are expected to tune into a feature presentation of the race. Media coverage reached one million households during last year's event.

The participating athletes will cross scenic but challenging terrain covering a total of 403 kilometres, including a 120 kilometre-long race across the hilliest regions in central PEI.

A highlight of the race will take place on Monday, June 9, when cyclists will race in a time trial across the 12.9-kilometre-long Confederation Bridge. The bridge will be closed between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on that day.

CYCLING ITINERARIES

If the race inspires you to bike through the same scenic landscape, start by checking out five cycling itineraries that offer different experiences. The variety ranges from quiet drives in the country that provide frame after frame of breathtaking photographs; through day-long tours that test skill and endurance; to or bone-shaking terrain that will challenge both bike and rider.

As one example, the Confederation Trail, the Prince Edward Island leg of the TransCanada Trail, runs tip-to-tip from Tignish to Elmira and totals 350 kilometres of excellent rolled stone dust surface for cycling and hiking. Frequent villages along the way offer cyclists a convenient selection of accommodations, food and services.

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Taxes, fuel causing tourism decline

Report calls for urgent action

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Tourists on the Maid Of The Mist at Niagara Falls.

The Canadian tourism industry is calling for urgent action from governments at all levels, saying it is on "the precipice of an unprecedented decline" that could have an impact on jobs in the industry.

The message is contained in a competitiveness report released Monday by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

Chris Jones, vice-president of government and public affairs for the association, says problems in the tourist industry have been aggravated by the rise in the Canadian dollar and the high cost of fuel.

"Previously when we had a weak dollar and relatively inexpensive gas, we were in a situation where those two things concealed some intrinsic weaknesses or structural deficiencies in our industries," he said from Ottawa.

In compiling the report, the association consulted CEOs in the hotel, travel and tourist industry, as well as a range of people working in travel and tourism.

Jones said the most important action needed is to get the structural costs of aviation down in Canada.

"The cost of flying to and within Canada is exorbitant. Let's face it," he said. "And it is a significant deterrent and barrier to travel by foreigners and to Canadians contemplating travel within their own country."

He cited a series of taxes and levies and fees, such as ground leases, Crown rents charged at the airports, the travellers' security charge, the fuel excise taxes and NavCan fees.

"We want them to be significantly reduced on an urgent basis."

In addition, he called for more bilateral air service agreements and open skies agreements.

"We don't get enough flights in from destinations where we would like to see more lift, more planes, more scheduled service," he said.

The government is negotiating an agreement with Europe that would make it easier and cheaper for travellers to get to Canada, but it likely won't happen until fall, Jones said.

In addition, the association wants the national parks system and museums across the country to become more animated and interactive to attract visitors. Jones noted that some travellers say they find Canada "a little bit dry" and boring.

Figures released last month showed that inbound, foreign travellers spent an estimated $4.1 billion in Canada in the first quarter of the year, down 1.2 per cent from the fourth quarter of last year and the lowest level in two years. A 10-year low in quarterly spending by U.S. residents contributed to this drop in spending.

Jones said border policies and more infrastructure are needed to reduce wait times and vehicle inspection times at some crossings.

Diane Ablonczy, federal secretary of state for small business and tourism, noted that the United States is going through economic turmoil and people don't have the money for travel that they used to have.

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Paris Jewish quarter losing 'soul?'

Neighbourhood becoming lifeless, too polished

The kosher pizzeria on the rue des Rosiers smelled like hot cheese, and Jewish teens leaned skullcap-covered heads into the doorway, hoping to order one of Moshe Benjamin Engelberg's thin-crusted pizzas.

But Engelberg shook his head. After 27 years, he has lost faith in his neighbourhood, home to French Jews since the Middle Ages, and is shutting down, depriving the rue des Rosiers district of one of its remaining Old World-style kosher restaurants.

The disappearance of a dingy pizzeria, its faded portraits of rabbis hanging crooked on brown-stained walls, where men recently swayed back and forth under prayer shawls between pizza courses, was a blow to those fearing the area has become a lifeless, polished museum.

The district has been losing a vital chunk of its Jewish character to high-end designer labels in a slow transformation that residents say is reaching a turning point. Local officials estimate that as many as 20 Jewish shops in the compact quarter have given way to clothing stores in the past four years.

"What remains is a sort of optical illusion," said Jean Laloum, a historian at France's National Center for Scientific Research, and contributor to a city-sponsored history of the surrounding neighbourhood.

"Tourists come to visit a sort of ghetto with an identity … which they read about in the guidebooks, but which today, in reality, is gone."

The rue des Rosiers quarter, nestled in the chic Marais district north of the Seine River, has been home to French Jews for centuries.

Until recently, this former stomping ground for poor Eastern European and then North African Jewish immigrants was a densely packed network of institutions and traditional shops attracting Jewish shoppers from Paris and environs — and tourists from around the world — despite residents progressively migrating away.

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A man pushes a stroller in front of the closed restaurant Jo Goldenberg, the emblematic Yiddish diner in the Jewish district of the Sentier, in Paris.

Even the Nazi occupation couldn't snuff out the area's reputation as the city's Jewish pole of reference.

More than 1,000 people from roughly nine small streets centred around rue des Rosiers were deported to death camps during the Second World War. Others were allowed to remain if they abided by discriminatory codes, such as curfews and wearing a yellow star. Today, France has western Europe's largest Jewish community of approximately 500,000.

Known as the "neighbourhood guardian" in the local Lubavitch community because he keeps the keys to a nearby synagogue, Engelberg recently fielded protests against his departure and concerns he was abandoning those left behind. "It's very delicate," he acknowledged. "People don't want it to change."

After the city required Engelberg make costly upgrades to the restaurant, he consulted a rabbi for advice, and concluded that renovating — a concept he didn't believe in anyway — wasn't worth the trouble.

"It's not the feeling of the ghetto anymore, it's the feeling of something modern, without a soul," said Engelberg. Instead, he plans to sell to the highest bidder and perhaps open up another pizzeria in a working class neighbourhood in northern Paris. He is not alone.

The emblematic Yiddish diner Jo Goldenberg's, which attracted visitors from all over the world and was targeted in a bombing in 1982, shut down two years ago, and will most likely be replaced by a designer clothing store, according to Franck Desnoyers, charged with selling the space. Across the street, a trendy H&M clothing store will open this fall, confirmed the district's mayor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Make your body work

Communicating non-verbally carries importance

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
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Sometimes the most powerful things you can say don't take any words at all.

Body language, good or bad, says a lot more about how you really feel than words alone so you have to make sure your body is speaking the same message your lips are, says keynote speaker and author Carol Kinsey Goman.

In her book, The Non-Verbal Advantage: Secrets and Science of Body Language at Work, Goman offers research, insights and tips to ensure your body language computes with the message you want to convey.

Goman

Body language is hard-wired and more primal than the spoken word, Goman says, because long before actual language took root, early humans had to use the visual cues in body language to understand and communicate with other people.

Today, Goman says the key to projecting good body language is to visualize your best behaviour beforehand and make a choice to project a good mood.

Body language is very primal to human instinct and is easily visible to all those involved.

"You may have had a lousy day, but you'd better be able to choose what attitude you want to bring into the room. People will pick up on your attitude almost instantly," Goman said.

Most importantly, Goman says projecting a good attitude with your body language can have a powerful uplifting effect on your actual emotional state.

"The same way how if you change your emotions your body language will change, if you change your body language your emotions will change too," she said.

Nothing is easier than a smile to get things rolling.

"A smile is probably the cheapest thing you can do to trigger the reward-stimuli part of the brain. You can spot it across a football field," Goman said.

Touch also taps in deeply to a person's primal instinct, making handshakes a powerful tool in communication.

"Absolutely shake hands with everyone you meet and make sure you have a nice, firm, solid handshake. It takes three hours of interaction to equal the amount of rapport you can get with one hand shake," she said.

Eye contact is of course crucial to good body language, but you don't want to stare so long that it starts to get creepy. Goman suggests a little trick to do it right.

"When you make eye contact (with someone), make sure to look long enough to notice what colour their eyes are," she said.

Ultimately, body language has much more influence on how people perceive you than just your words or actions alone, so make sure you're sending the right signals.

"In body language, it's not so much what you intend but what the person observing you believes you intend. You need to rethink your non-verbal signals through the eyes of the recipient and make sure your body language is congruent with the message you want to send," Goman said.

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» Body language techniques to practice:
» The eyebrow flash: widen your eyes and raise your eyebrows to show warmth towards someone. "It's a powerful subconscious signal that you like them," Goman said.
» Lean in slightly to show you feel engaged
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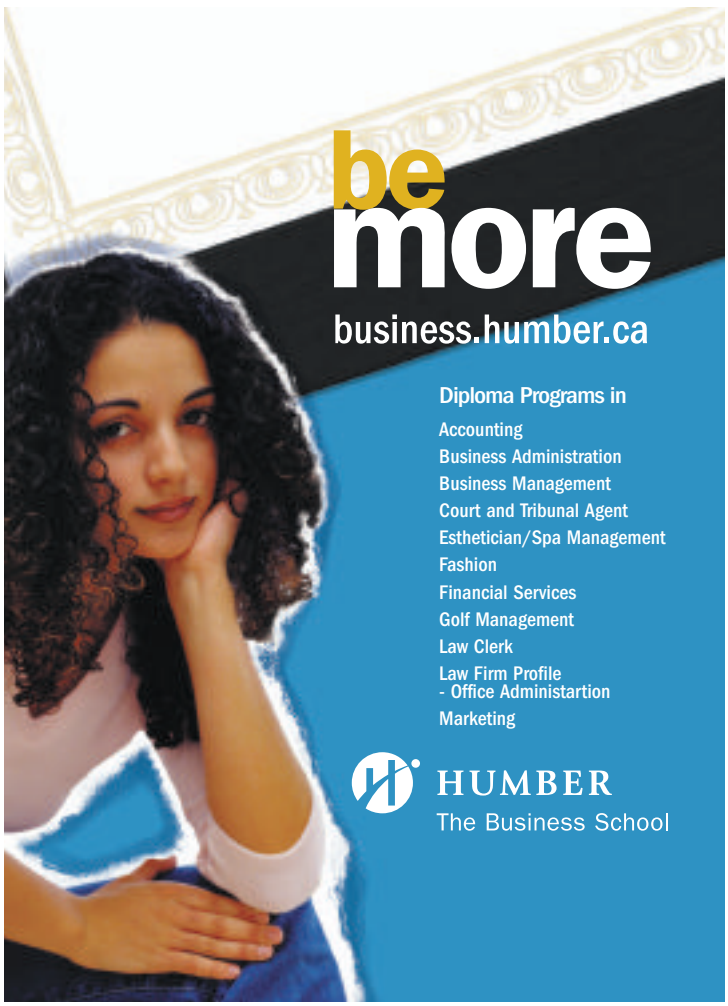
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Rights tribunal reinstates trainee

This is the tale of Ali Tahmourpour, who claimed that discrimination cost him his job. He took on the RCMP in a seven-year battle culminating in 20 days of trial — and won.

Chasing his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer, Muslim Canadian Tahmourpour entered the RCMP training academy in Regina. From the beginning, he claimed he was discriminated against as a Muslim and Iranian. He stated that he was ridiculed for wearing a religious pendant and that his instructor was verbally abusive, directing significantly more attention to him than to others. He argued that the conditions for visible minorities made it more difficult to complete the training.

Part way through the training, Tahmourpour received a poor performance evaluation and was given one month to improve. One day before the deadline for improvement, two of his instructors prompted the termination of his training contract. Their reasoning was that he hadn't shown any improvement and was going to receive another negative evaluation the next day.

Disputing the evaluations by claiming they weren't an accurate representation of his performance and that discrimination created an environment where he couldn't properly perform, Tahmourpour launched a complaint of discrimination. His complaint made its way to a hearing at the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal.

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The tribunal found that Tahmourpour was treated differently by his instructors and that they had attempted to distinguish him from other cadets based on his Muslim background. While some aspects of Tahmourpour's performance were objectively poor, the tribunal found that, in part, it was due to the environment. Relying on evidence that showed that visible minorities were three times more likely to fail the course than their counterparts, the tribunal concluded that it was likely that Tahmourpour's failure was the result of a climate of discrimination at the academy.

Ruling that "there is a serious possibility that had the discrimination not occurred, Tahmourpour would have successfully completed the training," the tribunal ordered the RCMP to offer him reinstatement to the academy, salary for a two-year period following his termination, the difference between what his RCMP salary would have been and what he would have made in an average job, and damages for pain and suffering. The total award is estimated at more than $500,000. Imagine what the damage award would be for an employee who earned, say, $100,000 a year.

This case highlights the broad remedial measures that human rights tribunals can order where discrimination is found. Given the tribunals' willingness to award reinstatement — lost salary for years of lost employment, past and future, as a result of inability to work; public interest remedies; damages for pain and suffering; special compensation where discrimination was wilful or reckless and legal fees — employers ought to consider introducing zero-tolerance policies on discrimination or harassment and offer a straightforward, reprisal-free, complaints process for their employees.

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Feeling pressure at the pump, many workers are changing their commuting habits to ease the financial burden of rising gas prices, a new survey shows. More than four out of 10 (44 per cent) professionals interviewed said higher gas prices have affected their commutes, up from 34 per cent two years ago when a similar survey was conducted.

Among those who said they have altered their work arrangements, the most common changes they reported making include increased carpooling or ride-sharing (46 per cent), driving a more fuel-efficient vehicle (33 per cent) and telecommuting more frequently (33 per cent). Three in 10 said they are looking for a new job closer to home.

Workers were asked, "Have higher gasoline prices affected how you are commuting to work or your work arrangements?"

The survey also found that employers are launching a variety of initiatives to ease the burden on employees. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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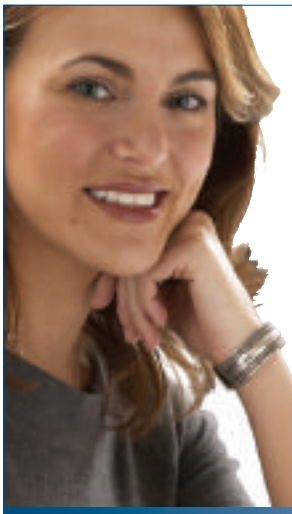

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Zohan takes Israel to the movies

A look at some of the films dealing with the country

By **RICK McGINNIS**
Metro Toronto

Given that an Adam Sandler film has roughly the same relationship to reality that a dirty limerick has to a Shakespeare sonnet, the temptation to take a semi-serious look at a film like You Don't Mess With The Zohan, his latest, is hardly obligatory. It's the story of a superhuman Mossad agent who, tired of the apparently endless conflict between Israel and its neighbours, fakes his death and moves to New York to pursue his dream of styling hair at Paul Mitchell's salon.

It also features almost nonstop dick jokes, and possibly the worst Israeli accent ever committed to film, but considering how few Hollywood films deal with Israel or Israelis except in the most cursory fashion, a little glance at Zohan's cinematic predecessors is probably worthwhile.

Not counting biblical epics, the keystone of Hollywood's Israel movies is probably Exodus, Otto Preminger's 1960 epic adaptation of Leon Uris' bestselling novel, and a relic of a time when Israel was still riding on a wave of grudging international goodwill. That

Adam Sandler's You Don't Mess With The Zohan opens Friday.

film, along with Cast A Giant Shadow (1966) and Black Sunday (1976) helped foster the image of the Israeli soldier, commando and secret agent as fantastically resourceful and courageous — an image pushed over into parody by Zohan. The image of Sandler taking a terrorist's gun apart before he fires a shot is really only a mild comedic exaggeration of Robert Shaw as a Mossad agent in Black Sunday, hanging off a blimp while trying to prevent Black September terrorists from detonating a bomb over the Super Bowl.

Israel's retaliation for the murder of Israeli athletes by PLO terrorists at the 1972 Munich Olympics helped bring the Mossad out of the shadows, and Israel's reputation for audacity was further buffed up by Raid On Entebbe, a 1977 TV movie featuring a young James Woods in a proto-Zohan role, playing a sniper on the commando team that freed 100 Israeli hostages in a daring real-life nighttime raid. Since then, however, Israel's public image has suffered a relentless harrowing, and on the movie screen Mossad agents have regularly been glimpsed in passing, usually retired and working as mercenaries in the thuggish supporting cast of action films, or suffering from guilt and doubt, like Eric Bana in Steven Spielberg's Munich.

Israeli society gets portrayed with a lighter touch in Zohan. Tel Aviv comes off like a cross between an Ibiza rave and Pride weekend in Miami. There's plentiful basis for this, in fact, but its movie genesis can be glimpsed in the throngs of attractive young Israeli soldiers with their chic khaki uniforms and Sten guns in films like Exodus and Cast A Giant Shadow.

Cyndi Lauper shows her True Colors

By **BRIAN COULTON**
for Metro Toronto

Cyndi Lauper is not trying to change the world. She says you just can't. She's just trying to do what she can to change hers.

"I can change my little world so when I go out on tour, I try to have my own little inclusive place where, every time I go there, I get excited to see them," says the Grammy Award-winning pop icon, now 54.

Lauper's world is the True Colors Tour, now in its second year. The event makes its Toronto stop tonight and features singers and comedians in a showcase to raise money and awareness for GLBT equality. This year sees the return of past guests Rosie O'Donnell, Indigo Girls and The Cliks as well as the addition of The B-52s.

"It's a celebration of humanity with laughter and music," says Lauper.

On her new album, Bring Ya To The Brink, she focused on returning to the energy she enjoyed while going out dancing with friends during her 2006 Broadway role in The Threepenny Opera. "I'm not able to do that so much anymore and I missed them. I was thinkin', someday I have to make music for them. I'll be dancin' with them, but maybe not physically there, ya know?"

Part of that energy involves international influence. Although this is her eighth studio album, it is the first on which she travelled to write, focusing heavily on European collaboration. "People over there in Europe — especially the English — they not only drive on the other side of the road but they sing on the other side of the beat."

Lauper also collaborated with Martina Sorbara and Dan Kurtz of Toronto's Dragonette on Grab A Hold, a mid-tempo, synth-heavy club track. "I went to London thinkin' they were English and I was like, eh! You're Canadian, eh?" she says.

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Starts with a bang

Talent shines in Season 6 debut of Canadian Idol

ON TV

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Here we go again with the sixth season of Canadian Idol.

With the promise from insiders that this is going to be the best group of talent yet, the premiere last night did have a few diamonds to offer.

The episode last night began with the audition tour stop in Toronto. Meet Omar Lunan, a 29-year-old single father from Scarborough whose smooth voice and cool vibe made the judges fall in love with him. So he's got a gold ticket to the next round of the singing competition in Toronto.

Next was Tetiana Ostapowych, 25, who left Los Angeles to try out for Idol. With a gold ticket in her hand, her return to Canada paid off — for now.

The super-hyper Energizer Bunny was 29-year-old Gary Sneddon, who couldn't hold a note or stand still. He got the boot.

But strange isn't always that bad — at least not for Peterborough's Taylor Abrahmse, 16, who after an odd take on Queen's Tie Your Mother Down, was also moving on in the competition.

Then there were the Pigott brothers, Oliver, 27, and Sebastian, 25. The older of the two was living in the United Kingdom, but like many others, Idol is bringing him back.

Oliver has charisma. And if that isn't enough his sweet, melodic voice and velvet tone are remarkable. Sebastian has a deep, sultry raspy voice and a cool but wacky personality that pulls you in for more. And they're both sticking around.

Next stop was Calgary, where viewers were treated to more memorable performances like Jesse Cottam, 23, whose stellar voice earned him to a gold ticket.

A unique voice did the same for Earl Stevenson, 23, from Lloydminster, Alta., and for Theo Tams, 22, from Lethbridge, Alta., whose sweaty armpit stains and wicked performance of Howie Day's Collide impressed the judges enough to give him a gold ticket.

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Nash, Kids in the Hall, Lang to be honoured

New inductees for Canada's Walk of Fame unveiled

NBA star Steve Nash, comedy troupe The Kids in the Hall, singer kd Lang and filmmaker James Cameron are among the latest inductees to Canada's Walk of Fame.

Nash

Others to receive the honour include actor Frances Bay and supermodel Daria Werbowy.

"From the basketball court to the fashion runway, this year's impressive list of inductees truly shows the depth of talent we have in Canada," said Peter Soumalias, founding director of Canada's Walk of Fame.

"Whether they are performing on stage, acting in front of the camera, calling the shots behind the scenes, supporting a cause or leading their team on the sports field, Canadian talent is being recognized on the world stage like never before."

Also set to attend this year's ceremonies are rocker Bryan Adams and actor Michael J. Fox, who were both previously named to the Walk, but couldn't attend the induction festivities.

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Bardot convicted in France

Brigitte Bardot was convicted yesterday of provoking discrimination and racial hatred for writing that Muslims are destroying France.

Bardot

A Paris court also handed down a $23,325 US fine against the former screen siren and animal rights campaigner. The court also ordered Bardot to pay $1,555 in damages to the anti-racism group MRAP, which filed a lawsuit last year over a letter she sent to then-interior minister Nicolas Sarkozy.

The remarks were published in her foundation's journal. In the letter to Sarkozy, now president, she said France is "tired of being led by the nose by this population that is destroying us, destroying our country by imposing its acts." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Life On Mars still a mystery

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LIFELESS? I've been down on ABC's upcoming remake of the British show Life On Mars pretty much from the first time I heard about it — with the important qualification that I was wrong about NBC's remake of The Office, and I'm man enough to admit it. Frankly, I wouldn't mind being wrong about ABC's Life On Mars, but I've got to say that the prospects for the show right now don't look good.

According to a Los Angeles Times story this weekend, the ABC remake "instantly looked like a must-watch for any viewer's fall TV list," which is news to me — the buzz about the show was strictly limited to producer David E. Kelley's participation, and the sentiment among fans of the BBC original was wary, verging on hostile.

After rumours began flying a month ago, it looks fairly certain now that Kelley is out — "He almost certainly won't have anything to do with the show from now on," wrote the Times, adding that "well-informed people profess not to know whether he'll receive his customary executive producer credit or even whether his name will be on the pilot."

Kelley, it has to be remembered, was the man who bought U.S. rights to the show, brought it to ABC and wrote the first script. Executives at ABC thought the pilot departed too much from the original show's premise, and demanded reshoots, which apparently ignited a battle over who would pay for all this stuff. Combined with wrangling over a new season order of Kelley's current show Boston Legal and other staring matches that only make sense to people in the business, it transpired that Kelley was talked into letting go of Life On Mars in order to get a 13-episode order of Boston Legal that would bring the show just over a syndication — and DVD-friendly — 100 episodes. In essence, Kelley gave up on his new baby to make sure that he'll be able to keep the beach house after he retires.

A new group of showrunners have essentially put the show's future up for grabs. The fate of Kelley's pilot is uncertain, though after switching coasts, it's to be assumed that most, if not all, of the pilot is likely to be scrapped.

The one thing I know is that I only hope the ABC version does well enough that someone, somewhere, can green light DVD box sets of the British show for release on this side of the Atlantic. My motives are selfish, I know, but I think it's safe to say that it's been awhile since anyone working on ABC's remake was inspired by any passion for the project.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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	210	302	6	CBC	22 Minutes	Just-Gags	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Final Game 6 -- Detroit Red Wings at Pittsburgh Penguins.						National
	214	344	7	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Make Me a Supermodel		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Men in Trees (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	So You Think You Can Dance (N)				CSI: NY (HDTV)		News (N)
	218	345	11	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card		Still Small Voices (2007, Suspense) Catherine Bell.				News (N)
	137	763	13	TFO	Panorama		Metropolis "Meurtre à Paris"		Uzak ★★★ (2002, Drame) Muzaffer Ozdemir, Nazan Kirilmis.				Bachelet
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	213	326	15	SUN	Scrubs	George Lopez	World's Most Amazing Videos		The Thin Red Line ★★★ (1998, War) Sean Penn.				Grill Rm.
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Price Is Right Spectacular		Criminal Minds "Doubt"		CSI: NY (HDTV)		News (N)
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	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model		Farmer Wants a Wife (N)		CW11 News at Ten		Family Guy
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers
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	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		American Greed		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money
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	556	540	51	FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
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	570	580	29	MM	Gone Wild	Gone Wild	Most Powerful Musicians		The Shift		PunchMuch		Gone Wild
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Addiction"		CSI: Miami "Shootout"		CSI: Miami
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	616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis "The Source"		Da Vinci's Inquest		Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Life (HDTV Part 1 of 2)		House
	620	523	40	BVO	Literature Alive	Arts & Minds	Wingfield	Camera	Looking for Leonard ★★ (2002)			Bravonews	Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Women on Top	Til Debt-Part	X-Weighted "Kristen" (N)		How to Find a Husband		Trading Spouses		X-Weighted
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS		Re-Inventors	Urban Legends	Working Over Time		NCIS		Crime Stories
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	618	524	54	TROP	TV Made, Do It	TV Made, Do It	ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier	Family Guy
	603	561	56	FOOD	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Dinner Imposs.	Glutton-Punish.	Challenge
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	553	546	65	TRE	Wonder Pets	Nght Grdn	Wiggle-Learn	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears
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	126	730	102	RDI	Dominique Poirier en direct		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		Le Club des ex	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	CLT	The West Wing		Imperium: The Rise and Fall of an Empire Rome.				Traders		The West Wing
	300	601	301	M1	The Grudge 2 ★ (2006, Horror) Amber Tamblyn.				Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ★★ (2007, Adventure)				
	305	612	306	PIX	Christine ★★	A Lapse of Memory ★★★ (1992, Drama)			The Usual Suspects ★★★ (1995, Suspense), Gabriel Byrne				Yellowknife

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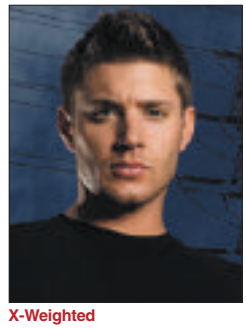
Supernatural

Who's your daddy, kid? Could it be ... Dean? In "The Kids Are Alright," Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) visit an old girlfriend of Dean's, Lisa (guest star Cindy Sampson). She's a mom now, and her 8-year-old son (guest star Nicholas Elias) looks suspiciously like Dean. Duty calls when the boy vanishes, and the brothers discover that a demonic parasite is stealing the local children. 10 PM on SPC



X-Weighted

The contestants of this weight-loss series are up to the challenges set by trainer Paul Plakas, self-esteem expert Fred Connors and nutritionist Crystal Andrus. In this new episode, the focus is on musician Kristen. Being in the public eye as a performer, she wants to look her best. But it's hard when your partner can eat pretty much anything without gaining an ounce. 8 PM on SLC

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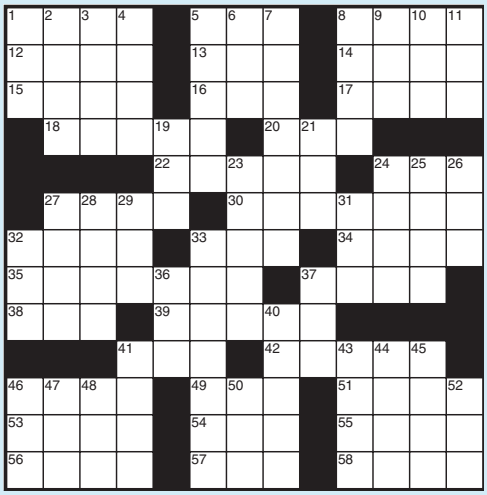

down »

1 — be an honor!
2 Lemon candy
3 Humdinger
4 Football cheer
5 Chili pepper dip
6 "Pulp Fiction" name
7 Wild sheep
8 Robin's snack
9 Geisha's tie
10 Whisper sweet nothings
11 Embed
19 Soap ingredient
21 Crowd
23 Raise, as a sail
24 Dog in "Beetle Bailey"
25 Spring up
26 Ben & Jerry rival
27 Compete in a rodeo
28 Vaccine type
29 Resinous deposit
31 Hobby ender
32 Current rage
33 Give a high sign
36 Buffet standby
37 Hindu title
40 Fish-eating eagles
41 Beg pardon!
43 Remnant
44 Hockey score
45 Latin verb
46 Youth
47 Make a hole in one
48 "Murder, — Wrote"
50 Aussie jumper
52 Iris locale

across »

1 Casually
5 Periscope site
8 Dazzles
12 Conforming to facts
13 Left Bank pal
14 Orchestra member
15 Well-behaved kid
16 Be overdue
17 Tumult
18 Yanks at
20 Muser's mumbling
22 Internet search engine
24 "Grand — Opry"
27 Thespian's quest
30 Rode the shuttle
32 Public meeting places
33 — and tonic
34 Remain
35 Cochise and Geronimo
37 Organ valve
38 Md. neighbour
39 Late summer flower
41 Invoice no.
42 Mountain chain
46 Tie down
49 Footed vase
51 Thorny shrub
53 Aspirin target
54 Future fish
55 Not hard
56 View as
57 Dawn goddess
58 Mirth

previous answer

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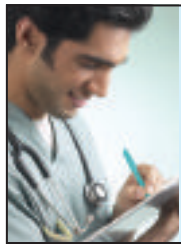

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
A complex choice will be presented. A friend's habit causes trouble. Give your heartfelt best wishes and head for the door.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A change comes in career progress. You must attend to a tyrant. Being self-disciplined will ease your burdens.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Let someone else take the lead. No good deed will go unrewarded. A friend loses out after an unexpected meltdown.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
You're tired of giving advice about something you know. Don't be snobbish about a lover. Life choices can be spoiled by selfish actions.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Someone gets caught making noise. Be patient until a great job is offered. Be reasonable when challenged by human nature.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Don't tease a drama queen. Be calm when frightened by a transition. Watch a loved one's dream come true.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A loser will unexpectedly help out. A ridiculous person will interrupt a daydream. Stay alert around a happy woman.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Don't ask an elder to do a tedious chore. Be generous to an amusing bore. Ignore the boss at your peril.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Justice for all is imminent. Someone will be wearing yesterday's clothes. A girlfriend has severe money problems.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Plan a better strategy to make your effort succeed. A lady in disguise comes to the door. An outsider slides into a rendezvous.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't make a decision based on differing opinions. Being careful will help strengthen an arrangement. Don't play games.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Keep cash handy to pay for repairs. Open your heart and go out with a special person. Sibling becomes hostile about the truth. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 4, 1917: The first Pulitzer Prizes are awarded: Laura E. Richards, Maude H. Elliott, and Florence Hall receive the first Pulitzer for a biography (for Julia Ward Howe). Jean Jules Jusserand receives the first Pulitzer for history for his work With Americans Of Past And Present Days. Herbert B. Swope receives the first Pulitzer for journalism for his work for the New York World.
June 4, 1973: Patent for the ATM granted to Don Wetzel, Tom Barnes and George Chastain.
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Records
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Diaz out with Aniston's ex

Cameron Diaz was seen having dinner with model Paul Sculfor, who briefly dated Jennifer Aniston last year, People.com reports.

"They looked really flirty," says a source of the pair's dinner at Santa Monica's Il Ristorante di Giorgio Baldi. "She was laughing really loud at all of his jokes. It looked like a date."

After two hours, Diaz, 36, and Sculfor, 37, left the restaurant together. Though Sculfor attempted to open her door, his chivalrous move was foiled when they were approached by a waiting photographer.

"Paul tried but Cameron was rushing him to leave since she didn't want to be photographed together," says the source.

Only a couple of nights before, Diaz was spotted dirty dancing with pal Sean Diddy Combs at a party celebrating Prince's new book 21 Nights. A few hours and a couple of Grey Goose cocktails later, the pair was seen with their arms locked around one another during Prince's rendition of the Doobie Brother's Long Train Running. They left the party together shortly before 3 a.m.

Diaz is comfortable with keeping her options open. "People think if you're single, you are incomplete," she said in the June issue of InStyle. "No. The thing is, I don't want to be in a relationship that makes me incomplete."

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Gyllenhaal tops Hot 100 gay icons poll

Jake Gyllenhaal has topped a poll of the Hot 100 gay icons, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 27-year-old actor – who famously starred in a homosexual love scene with Heath Ledger in Brokeback Mountain – came first in the survey of 100,000 people on gay website AfterElton.com for the second consecutive year. Gyllenhaal beat Torchwood star John Barrowman and Brothers And Sister's actor Luke McFarlane to the top spot. On AfterEllen.com – the lesbian counterpart to AfterElton.com – 30 Rock comedienne Tina Fey topped the Hot 100 gay women list. Fey beat talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, her girlfriend Portia de Rossi and Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines star Kristanna Loken for first place.

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Lohan's dad lashes out at ex-wife

Lindsay Lohan's father Michael has lashed out at his ex-wife Dina in his latest magazine column, blaming her for spreading "lies" about their actress daughter's recent visit to hospital, imdb.com reports. In the second instalment of his weekly column for U.S. magazine Ok!, Michael voices concern over his ex's parenting abilities on her reality show Living Lohan, claiming she lied to cover up the Mean Girls star's recent hospitalization after an asthma attack. He writes: "What continues to frustrate me is the deception and hypocrisy ... If Dina is soooo worried about false tabloid reports, why is it that her own camp lied about Lindsay being in the hospital to visit a friend, when, truthfully, she had an asthma attack? Is it so bad to say that Lindsay did have an asthma attack? Why not just be honest and not lie?"

The rant comes amid the re-opening of the pair's divorce proceedings. Michael has taken Dina to court amid claims she won't allow him to visit with their younger children Cody, 11, and Aliana, 14.

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Aguilera finds motherhood sexy

Christina Aguilera wants more children, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Dirrty singer – who has a four-month-old son Max with husband Jordan Bratman – is "absolutely" planning to extend her family in the future because motherhood makes her feel "sexy." When asked if she wants more babies, Aguilera replied: "Oh, eventually, yes! Yes, absolutely. Absolutely! Motherhood comes very naturally to me. I think a whole new confidence comes with being a mother. I feel very confident and very sexy as a mother."

The 27-year-old singer recently revealed her breasts swelled to an E-cup when she was expecting Max.

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Kidman looking to relocate

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Nicole Kidman wants to live closer to Cate Blanchett, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Moulin Rouge! star is so keen to relocate she has put two of her Australian properties on the market. Her Sydney villa has been valued at $19 million US, while her beachfront retreat on the New South Wales coast is on the market for $3.8 million.

Kidman – who is expecting her first child with husband Keith Urban in July – wants to buy a house with a larger garden, and is rumoured to be looking at properties that are closer to her family and friend Blanchett.

Kidman lived in the Sydney villa with her ex-husband Tom Cruise, and was awarded the property in their divorce settlement. The 40-year-old actress bought the beachfront retreat in 2004, but has only visited it a handful of times according to local residents. Kidman and her husband are also planning to spend more time in the U.S. at their Nashville property so Urban can concentrate on his music career.

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Steve-o heading to rehab

Jackass star Steve-o is heading to rehab after reaching a deal with prosecutors and pleading guilty to felony drug charges, imdb.com reports.

The troubled 33-year-old – real name Stephen Glover – had previously pleaded not guilty to counts of cocaine possession following his March 3 arrest on suspicion of vandalizing his neighbours' property in Los Angeles. But the professional stuntman confessed to the crime yesterday in a bid to rid him of his legal woes.

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His lawyer Barry Sands tells website TMZ.com if the star enrols in a narcotics program within the next 48 hours and remains "on good behaviour," the case will be dropped altogether.

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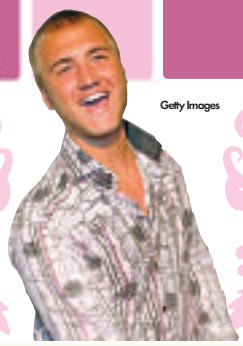
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Davis launches own clothing line

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Kristin Davis is launching her own fashion line, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Sex And The City actress will release her debut collection in a partnership with American department store chain Belk, Inc. this fall. She said: "I grew up shopping at Belk. It was the nicest store we had, and I'd save my allowance to go to Belk."

The "modern, feminine, style savvy" collection will feature dresses, knits, jeans, handbags, shoes, jewelry and lingerie ranging from $40 US to $240 per item. H.W. McKay Belk, president and chief merchandising officer of Belk, Inc., said: "We're thrilled with our association with Kristin Davis and look forward to unveiling this exciting new line for Belk customers this fall.

"We think (customers will) love the modern fashion looks of the Kristin Davis brand. It's designed to capture Kristin's look and personality and to provide cutting-edge fashion assortments that customers won't find in any other store."

Davis' Sex And The City co-star Sarah Jessica Parker launched her own clothing line Bitten last year.

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Hogan's son sues sheriff's office

Nick Bollea, 17, is suing a Florida sheriff's department for releasing tapes of his jailhouse conversations with his mother and wrestler father Hulk Hogan, attorneys said yesterday. The suit alleges the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office violated Bollea's privacy rights and seeks to stop the sheriff from releasing further tapes, people.com reports.

"Nick only asks that he be treated no differently than the other inmates at the Pinellas County Jail," says Bollea's attorney Morris Sandy Weinberg. "Instead, the sheriff's office has singled him out by the unprecedented release to the media of his personal calls with his family."

Bollea is serving an eight-month sentence after pleading no contest to felony reckless driving stemming from a car crash that left his friend in critical condition.

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